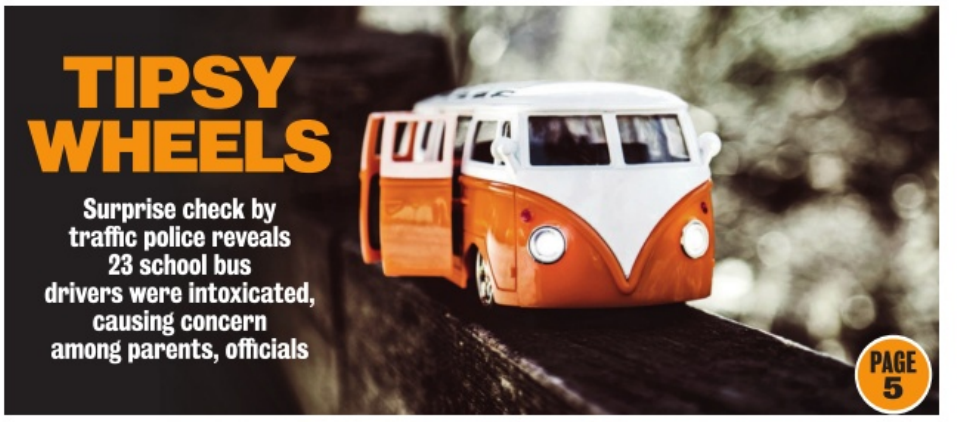
BENGALURU, WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 28 | Min 21 | Humidity 69% Scattered Thunderstorms Sensex 80,351 | Nifty 24,433 | Gold 72,412 | Silver 93,175 | Dollar 83.54 | Euro 90.49 | GBP 106.94

NO REVIVAL
Slow progress of long-awaited rejuvenation work on Varthur and Bellandur lakes has left residents of area dismayed
PAGE 4


TIPSY WHEELS
Surprise check by traffic police reveals 23 school bus drivers were intoxicated, causing concern among parents, officials
PAGE 5

Bengaluru had 4 mobile libraries, all of which are now non-operational as buses in which these books used to be carried have been phased out in Centre's scrapping policy

CLOSED CHAPTER

Of 12 libraries on wheels in state, seven have shut down

| Sridhar.Vivan
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharVMIRROR

People visiting libraries may have declined, yet there was a set of dedicated readers who would wait every week to visit the mobile library to borrow their favourite book. These libraries were a big hit in the city, especially in areas without a dedicated physical library. For children, it was a dream to enter the bus converted into a library and scroll through their favourite books. However, now all these mobile libraries are a thing of the past in Bengaluru, not because of decreased interest in reading books, but because of the Centre's decision to phase out old vehicles.

An official said that the Central Government's policy of phasing out vehicles older than 15 years has had an impact on government mobile libraries. This policy, known as the scrapping policy, has disappointed book lovers. "These mobile libraries were established to foster reading habits, especially among those who cannot visit traditional libraries due to their busy schedules. These libraries travelled to various parts of the city, allowing book lovers to borrow and return books. The four mobile libraries of Bengaluru were a blessing."

Anand Kumar, an avid reader, said that out of the 12 mobile libraries in Karnataka, seven have already been shut down, including four in Bengaluru city. "The irony is that in a city like Bengaluru, known as the 'Silicon City' and 'IT-BT Hub,' the library department is struggling to maintain and operate physical libraries. Furthermore, the number of readers and speakers in the city is already decreasing. In such a situation, the mobile libraries

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »

"The sight of the book-laden bus pulling up was a weekly highlight, offering an escape from the daily grind and a chance to dive into new adventures
— Vandana Gopal, avid reader

How to pull K-100 out of trash

With no end to garbage dumping in Rs 180-cr project, BSWML now will deploy marshals, auto tippers & CCTVs

| Melvin Mathew
c-melvin.mathew@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Due to the persistence of people dumping garbage in the newly built canal Project K-100, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) plans to start ensuring that garbage collection happens from households nearby on a regular basis. Despite investing approximately Rs 180 crore in developing the K-100 project, officials are grappling with residents dumping garbage into the drain, a common issue across Bengaluru's rajakaluves. BSWML plans to start regular pickups and awareness campaigns.

"We are planning to deploy marshals to monitor the K-100 project. We also plan to deploy auto tippers to ensure regular waste collection from nearby residents. We will be monitoring the K-100 stretch and penalising the offenders. Awareness will be created about the effects of black spot generation," said a senior BSWML officials.

Residents of areas nearby not only dump solid waste into the canal, but untreated sewage is also entering the drain caused

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Conversational act

Explore 'Gathi,' a social play set in the present urban backdrop. Directed by Sethuram SN, the play opens up as an interaction between an old man of 80 years of age and his granddaughter, who, though well educated, is not employed and not yet married. It is an effort to chronicle the influence of various changes in post-Independence India on urban middle-class families. The story revolves around their aspirations, dreams, and frustrations.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: July 11, 7 pm

02 Global relations

In a rapidly evolving global landscape, the historical bond between India and Russia stands at a crossroads, presenting both challenges and opportunities. Engage in 'The World in Flux-Dilemmas for India and Russia,' a session that explores the multifaceted nature of their relationship amidst significant geopolitical shifts. This session seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dilemmas and opportunities in India-Russia relations, offering insights into the future trajectory of this pivotal partnership in a world marked by constant flux.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: July 11, 6:30 pm

03 Bollywood tech beats

Get ready for an electrifying night with DJ Suketu, India's number one Bollywood DJ, at Dobaraa Gastropub in Phoenix Mall of Asia. Known for his chart-topping hit "Bin Tere Sanam" and legendary remixes, DJ Suketu is set to light up the night with high-energy Bollywood beats that will keep you dancing all night long. **Where: Dobaara-Phoenix Mall of Asia; When: July 13, 8 pm**

Criticism mounts as K'taka preps to send 9 jumbos to AP

It's better to increase camp capacity instead of giving them away: Conservationists, researchers question transfer of trained elephants, when state is in need of them too

Garima Prasher
garima.prasher
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

This file photo shows elephants who are relocated to participate in the Dasara celebrations

Conservationists and researchers in Karnataka have expressed concern over nine trained elephants being sent out to Andhra Pradesh. This concern arises after the state has decided to give away a forest protection squad of nine elephants to Nallamala Reserve Forest in AP.

The issue of captured camp elephants being sent to other states has been highlighted in the past as well. According to data from the Karnataka Forest Department, in two years (2020-21 and 2022-23), Karnataka sent 130 elephants to various states across the country. As many as 56 tuskers in 2020–21 and 74 in 2022–23 were sent to various states such as Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Goa.

"It should be recalled that Dasara elephant Arjuna was killed by a wild tusker in a capture operation on December 4, 2023, at Yesalur, Hassan district. Arjuna, though retired and in musth, was illegally and irresponsibly pressed into capture operations due to a shortage of kumkis, while many trained elephants were generously given to other states," said Joseph Hoover, former member of the State Board of Wildlife and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

Conservationists say that when there is a need for trained elephants in Karnataka, it is disappointing that the state has considered giving away nine elephants. "Elephants are adapted to a particular landscape. Thus, while the elephant squad from Karnataka might survive and thrive in Nallamala Reserve Forest in AP, it might not be well suited for many other areas in the country or the rest of AP with drier landscapes. However, we must look at increasing camp capacity or coming up with more camps instead of giving away the elephants, as these animals will be kept in captivity," said a wildlife conservationist.

"While the squad may survive in Nallamala Reserve Forest in AP, it may not be well suited for other areas with drier landscapes
– Wildlife conservationist

According to Ramesh Belagere, wildlife researcher at the Foundation of Ecology and Education Development, elephants exhibit complex social behaviour, and giving away individuals from a herd might lead to the whole herd collapsing. "If the existing elephant camps are full and the state is incapable of taking care of the jumbos, giving them away is a better option. However, it is vital to observe their group dynamics before making these decisions.

Selecting individuals or groups to be shifted out is an intricate matter. If not done scientifically, the group left behind might collapse. In their world, a matriarchal construct, every role is not necessarily played by the mother. For instance, there are herds in which calves are more dependent on their aunts for learning life skills," said Belagere.

Building social harmony, values of Constitution in schools

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

From AY 2025-26 onwards, two hours per week would be set aside for dialouge & debates

With the objective of inculcating social harmony, tolerance, and scientific temper in children, the state government has ordered the implementation of the 'Naavu Manujaru' programme to be enacted from the upcoming academic year onwards. This means that two hours per week (three periods with each amounting to 40 minutes) would be set aside for dialogue and debates across government, aided, and unaided primary and high schools in the state.

The programme was initially announced in the State Budget of 2024–25, which was presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with the aim of enshrining the values ingrained in the Constitution among children. One period would be dedicated to value education, while the other two periods would involve socially useful productive work (SUPW). No special grant has been set aside for the implementation of the program. However, the order has mandated officers to provide all the appropriate information required to implement the programme. It has also called for the appointment of nodal officers at the district level to oversee the implementation and submit a report to the Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT).

Meanwhile, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has released a format for the implementation of the programme. According to the released format, discussions regarding the elimination of inequality and dialogue on constitutional values like equality, liberty, and fraternity are to be held. Along with this, discussions on social reformers, folk games, national festivals, cottage industries, and nuclear and non-nuclear families, among other topics, are also to be held. Creating awareness among children with regard to scientific temper, environmental consciousness, eradication of superstitions, and reconciliation of superstitions and science is also a significant portion of the programme.

MARUTI SUZUKI

NEXA

YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS NOW!

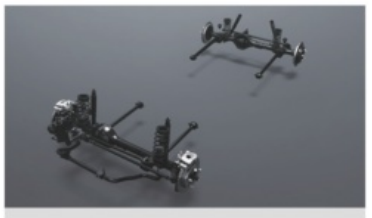
SAVE UP TO ₹1 LAKH AND GET EXCLUSIVE MARUTI SUZUKI SMART FINANCE OFFER.
VALID TILL STOCKS LASTS

Jimny

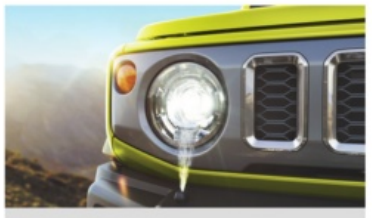
NEVER TURN BACK

CREATE. INSPIRE.

ALLGRIP PRO



3 LINK RIGID AXLE SUSPENSION



HEADLAMP WASHERS

6 AIRBAGS

WIRELESS ANDROID AUTO AND APPLE CARPLAY CONNECTIVITY

Contact us at
1800-200-[6392]
1800-102-[NEXA]
www.nexaexperience.com
NOW YOU CAN ALSO BOOK ONLINE

WEST BANGALORE: NEXA NAGARBHAVI (BIMAL AUTO AGENCY PH: 08030693069), **NEXA RAJAJINAGAR** (VARUN MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 8884000042), **NEXA RR NAGAR** (KALYANI MOTORS PH: 9590990011), **EAST BANGALORE: NEXA ORR MARATHALLI** (BIMAL AUTO AGENCY PH: 08030693069), **NEXA BANASWADI** (KALYANI MOTORS PH: 9590990011), **NEXA WHITEFIELD** (VARUN MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 9620827474), **NORTH BANGALORE: NEXA YELAHANKA** (MANDOVI MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 9886003030), **NEXA HEBBAL ORR** (VARUN MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 9513838777), **CENTRAL BANGALORE: NEXA MUSEUM ROAD** (PRATHAM MOTORS PH: 9880006006), **NEXA PALACE** (MANDOVI MOTORS PH: 9886003030), **SOUTH BANGALORE: NEXA KANAKAPURA ROAD** (SURAKSHAA CAR CARE PVT LTD PH: 9449865622), **NEXA ELECTRONIC CITY** (SURAKSHAA CAR CARE PVT. LTD. PH: 080-25732229, 8884442229), **NEXA JP NAGAR** (KALYANI MOTORS PH: 9590990011), **NEXA SARJAPUR ROAD** (PRATHAM MOTORS PH: 9008455550), **NEXA KORAMANGALA** (KATARIA AUTOMOBILES PVT. LTD. PH: 9513363262), **TUMKUR: NEXA SIRA ROAD** (SAKETH AUTOMOBILES PH: 9900500051).

Scan to book

Creative visualization. Accessories and features shown may not be part of standard equipment. Black glass on the vehicle is due to lighting effect. Trademarks used belong to respective Trademark Owners.
For details on functioning of safety features, including air bag, kindly refer to the Owner's Manual. Maruti Suzuki is the no. 1 makers of SUVs as per certificate issued by JATO dynamics limited on 12-September-2023 basis sales figures from April '2023 to August '2023.

Locals frustrated by stalled lake rejuvenation

Slow progress in Varthur and Bellandur development projects after many false starts; issues include lack of oversight, encroachments and sewage inflow

Iffath Fathima
Iffath.Fathima @timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The much-anticipated development projects for Varthur and Bellandur lakes have failed to meet expectations, leaving residents and lake enthusiasts disheartened by the slow progress. A year ago, Deputy Chief Minister and City Development Minister DK Shivakumar visited the lakes to assess the development plans. Despite this visit and promises of improvements, significant changes have yet to be seen, causing growing frustration within the community.

Jagadish Reddy from the Varthur Rising group highlighted the ongoing issues, saying, "We've been closely collaborating with the government to address the urgent challenges that require immediate attention and resolution. One major concern is the absence of an oversight committee to monitor the progress of rejuvenation efforts, a commitment made by the previous Karnataka government but never fulfilled. Additionally, the Minor Irrigation Department has failed to comply with a previous directive to remove pipes, resulting in the fragmentation of wetlands. Encroachments, particularly in Ambedkar slums, persist with no measures in place to prevent further violations. The continuous narrowing and concretisation of rajakaluves (stormwater drains) have only exacerbated the problem."

No oversight committee to monitor rejuvenation progress, despite government commitment

He further added, "The situation is further complicated by new constructions emerging within buffer zones, despite clear violations of regulations. The rejuvenation work, especially the desilting of the lake, is progressing slowly, contrary to committee recommendations. Untreated sewage continues to be discharged into the lakes by Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board, ignoring previous National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders for 100% sewage treatment."

> **"Desilting of lake is progressing slowly and untreated sewage continues to be discharged into the lakes by BWSSB**
> – Jagdish R, VR group

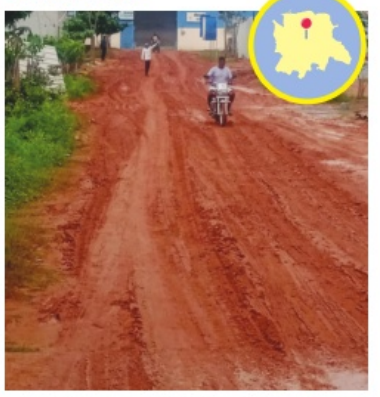
Other issues highlighted include the lack of accountability and failure to penalise officials for their actions, as mandated by the NGT, which remains a significant concern. Mismanagement is evident from the unchecked proliferation of buildings in buffer zones, despite directives and widespread citizen concerns.

Additionally, essential flood mitigation measures, such as ensuring interconnectivity among lakes and removing encroachments in rajakaluves, lake beds, and buffer zones, have yet to be implemented. Residents underscored the urgent need for attention and intervention to address these environmental issues, emphasising the imperative of preserving our natural resources.

whatsapp MIRROR 9591233247

Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Damaged road
Yelahanka



Residents in Attur Layout are facing challenges. Heavy construction vehicles have damaged the road, making it muddy & nearly impassable for the residents.

Water wastage
JP Nagar

A broken Cauvery water supply pipe on 24th Main Road, Marenahalli, JP Nagar has been wasting gallons of water for the past month.

Road rage grows as incomplete project endangers commuters

Iffath Fathima
Iffath.Fathima @timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The ongoing construction of the Rajakaluve between Chinnapanahalli and Munnekolala Lake along the 60 ft road in the AECS Layout has raised concerns among residents. Started in September 2022, the project is still unfinished and poses risks to daily commuters. Area residents have voiced frequent complaints about the sluggish construction progress and its accompanying risks. Despite their efforts, the project has stretched on for nearly two years without resolution. While 290 metres of the 300-metre stretch have been completed, the remaining 10 metres still await completion.

On Tuesday morning, a serious incident underscored the risks of the incomplete construction. A school bus, carrying multiple children, got stuck in a damaged metal grating covering a stormwater drain. Fortunately, it didn't result in a severe accident, and all children were safely rescued. However, the incident highlighted the persistent safety risks and the perceived lack of urgency from authorities. The metal gratings covering the stormwater drain have been in disrepair for months. "We have been complaining about the broken lids, but nothing has been done. It's only a matter of time before something more serious happens," said Indira Belde from the Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party.

A file photo depicting a vehicle trapped on an unrepaired road

Residents also pointed out the deplorable condition of the road, describing it as a muddy stretch with no asphalt. With the rainy season exacerbating the situation, the recent school bus incident has heightened demands for urgent completion of the Rajakaluve construction and road repairs. "I filed a complaint on the Sahaaya app last month, specifically requesting repairs to the gratings on this stretch heavily used by school buses. However, nothing was done and the incident happened today. Imagine, if a bus can get stuck, how risky it is for other two-wheelers and four-wheeler riders, " said another resident.

The resident said, "We understand that construction projects can take time, but there has to be a sense of responsibility towards the safety of the people. The authorities need to prioritise this project and ensure that the area is safe for everyone."

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Harish.B.V** S/o Late Venkatarayappa.B.M residing at Bettakote Village, Channarayapatana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, stating that, my former name is Harish.B.V. But according to numerology, I am changing my name to B.V. Harish Bettakote. So henceforth I will deal with the name B.V. Harish Bettakote instead of Harish .B.V. All the above information is correct and true. Therefore, I have sworn before Notary and Advocate A. Narayana swamy, Devanahalli, vide affidavit dated 05.07.2024.

Three hours of rain bring Bengaluru to a standstill

Monday evening witnessed significant traffic disruptions on the elevated expressway along Ballari Road. Continuous rain for three hours caused vehicle breakdowns and temporary flooding, affecting a luxury car and several BMTC buses. The waterlogged road posed major challenges for motorists, forcing them to navigate through difficult conditions. To assist with the situation, traffic police personnel were deployed on-site, using umbrellas to manage the flow of vehicles and help stranded motorists.

In addition to North Bengaluru, several central areas of the city also experienced moderate rainfall. According to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, the rainfall, although not intense, was much-needed for the city. The flooding particularly impacted the Kempegowda International Airport elevated corridor at Kodigehalli, disrupting incoming traffic towards the Hebbal junction. "Diversions have been made near the Railway bridge and vehicles need to use the service road. Commuters are requested to cooperate," said the traffic police in a statement. Several residents expressed frustration over the ongoing issue, questioning the BBMP's preparedness. "BBMP, why has this not been resolved yet? Why is there still waterlogging?" a resident asked.

— By Ahna Prakash

Driver saves bus passengers' lives

Ahna Prakash
c-ahna.prakash
@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

A BMTC bus caught fire on Tuesday morning near Anil Kumble Circle

A vigilant BMTC bus driver averted a potential disaster, saving 30 passengers' lives after the bus caught fire in Bengaluru on Tuesday morning. The incident occurred near Anil Kumble Circle, where the engine of the moving bus burst into flames.

Swift action by the driver ensured all passengers were safely evacuated before the fire escalated. According to media reports, the engine caught fire due to overheating. Sources said that the blaze began when the driver turned on the ignition on MG Road, suggesting the engine was already overheated.

"No injuries were reported, as the fire was quickly extinguished," confirmed a BMTC source.

Eyewitnesses on the road said that the bus caught fire all of a sudden, and the area was covered in smoke.

The bus experienced flames emerging from its engine. Despite the rapid spread of the fire, the driver's prompt evacuation of the passengers and immediate call to firefighters prevented any injuries. Sources say that the firefighters arrived at the spot by 9 am and managed to control and extinguish the fire.

"We are still investigating the matter to know if it was overheating or any other issue," said an official.

The incident caused significant traffic congestion on the busy MG Road during the morning peak hour. Traffic police quickly responded, ensuring safety in the surrounding area and directing traffic away from the site.

Following the incident, the bus was towed to the depot for a detailed mechanical inspection.

Your Chance to win today
Hello, dear readers. It is Wednesday, and it is that time of the week when we ask you a question to get to know you better and also to hand out some goodies. Here is your question:
What topics would you like Bangalore Mirror to cover?
Join the BM champs club and get the best responses featured here
Please drop in the following details for you to be eligible for the contest – Name, Age, Ph no, Occupation
Alternatively, you can send us the answer and details on our whatsapp
CONTACT US 9591233247
(* Terms and Conditions apply)

IN BRIEF

Users snitch out cops via Google Maps

While the Bengaluru Traffic Police are busy conducting special drives to reduce traffic violations, Bengaluru drivers don't seem very keen on following the rules.

Anonymous users have marked hotspots on Google Maps, warning others of police presence with tags like "Police irthare, Nodkond hogi," meaning "Police will be there, watch and go." A viral post on social media by Guru Mandagadde highlighted this trend, showing at least ten such tagged locations. These alerts help violators, such as those without helmets or licenses, to avoid the police by altering their routes. While many netizens took the post as a joke, others highlighted that it poses a serious risk by potentially allowing many to evade law enforcement. Another tag, "Helmet hakond banni, police irthare," advises riders to wear helmets, acknowledging the police's presence. This development has sparked varied reactions on social media.

While one netizen said that "this has restored my faith in humanity," another disagreed by saying, "That's how people misuse tech?"

A citizen that BM spoke to said, "It's good till it's a social media joke, but in reality, it is a threat to law enforcement. There are teenagers on the road who are speeding while being intoxicated. They are on social media, they would get to know about it. What happens then? More accidents and more violations." —**Ahna Prakash**

Tipsy school bus drivers cause worry

Traffic Police's surprise drive finds 23 drivers were intoxicated, raising serious concerns among parents and school authorities over student safety

Sridhar.Vivan@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @sridharVMIRROR

In a shocking development, 23 school drivers tested positive for alcohol. The Bengaluru Traffic Police conducted a surprise drive between 7 am and 9:30 am on Tuesday, discovering that some drivers were intoxicated before reporting for duty. These drivers were prosecuted under the 185 IMV Act. Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth stated, "The licenses of these drivers were sent to the respective RTOs for further action. During the special drive, 11 vehicles were also found without fitness certificates and were handed over to the concerned RTOs for necessary measures. This special drive will continue regularly to ensure the safety of students and other road users."

Jyothi Ganesh, a parent, said, "As parents, we were shocked and horrified to learn that 23 school bus drivers were found intoxicated during a surprise alcohol test conducted by the Bengaluru Traffic Police. The idea that someone responsible for transporting our children to and from school could be under the influence of alcohol is not just frightening but utterly unacceptable. To find out that some of these individuals were unfit to drive is a terrifying thought. It raises a host of questions and concerns about the screening and monitoring processes in place for school bus drivers. If such negligence can occur, what other corners might be cut when it comes to our children's safety?"

Nandini H, another parent, added, "We expect the school authorities to take immediate and stringent action to prevent any such incidents in the future. One of the primary steps should be the mandatory use of alcometers to test drivers for alcohol before they begin their duties each day. Regular and random testing would add an extra layer of security, reassuring us that the schools are taking the safety of our children seriously. Furthermore, we expect schools to implement comprehensive background checks and continuous monitoring of all drivers. Regular training sessions on road safety and the importance of maintaining sobriety while driving should be compulsory. There should also be a system in place where parents can report any concerns about drivers anonymously, without fear of repercussions. Only through strict enforcement of safety measures and vigilant oversight can we restore our confidence in the school transportation system."

This special, surprise drive will continue regularly to ensure the safety of students and other road users

Reacting to this, a school representative said, "As school authorities, we understand and fully support the need for ensuring the safety of our students. However, the recent surprise drive conducted by the Bengaluru Traffic Police has raised some logistical concerns. While the intention behind the drive is commendable, the execution has inadvertently caused significant disruptions. Many school buses were stopped midway, causing delays and leaving students stranded in the buses. This not only hampers the children's timely arrival at school but also creates unnecessary stress and confusion for both students and parents. We believe there is a more effective way to conduct these important checks without affecting the students' routine."

Name game: Ramanagara to become Bengaluru South?

Political sparks fly over Ramanagara's proposed renaming: DKS proposes renaming, HDK strongly opposes it

Sridhar.Vivan@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharVMIRROR

PIC FOR REPRESENTATION PURPOSE ONLY

What's in a name? Quite a bit, politically speaking. The latest name dispute involves Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's proposal to rename Ramanagara district as "Bengaluru South." However, the BJP and JDS are fiercely opposing the change. Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, who was instrumental in the creation of Ramanagara from the former Bengaluru Rural district, is especially vocal in his opposition.

On Tuesday, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar announced that a proposal had been submitted to the chief minister to rename Ramanagara district to Bengaluru South district. "This initiative aims to consider the development and future of Ramanagara, Channapatna, Magadi, Kanakapura, and Harohalli taluks," DKS said while speaking to reporters after submitting the proposal at Vidhana Soudha. He added, "The people of Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, Hoskote, Kanakapura, Ramanagara, Channapatna, and Magadi are originally Bengalureans. Ramanagara and Bengaluru Rural districts were carved out of Bengaluru Urban for administrative ease."

A political pundit remarked that the renaming saga is a political manoeuvre between the Congress and JDS. "Ramanagara is considered a place that gave HD Kumaraswamy a new lease of life. When HDK was the CM, he carved out two new districts: Ramanagara and Chikkaballapur. When DKS first proposed creating the Bengaluru South district, HDK opposed it. Now, with both leaders vying to retain control over the district, the new name will undoubtedly have significant political implications. The strategic timing of the proposal suggests that it might be a move to garner political support ahead of the upcoming elections in Channapatna." Renaming a district is not just an administrative change; it's a statement of power and influence. Moreover, the renaming is likely to impact local identity and sentiment. Residents who have long identified with Ramanagara might have mixed reactions to the change. "Some may see it as a step towards modernisation and development, while others may view it as an erasure of their unique local identity. Overall, the proposal to rename Ramanagara as Bengaluru South is more than an administrative adjustment; it's a reflection of the ongoing power struggle and strategic positioning between key political players in Karnataka."

Reacting to this name change, JDS youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy said, "The name change has been proposed as it has the name Ram." When discussing the reasons for renaming Ramanagara, DKS mentioned, "Ramanagara needs to be renamed while retaining it as the district headquarters. We've submitted a proposal for this. Renaming would attract industries to the district and increase its land value. Bengaluru has the potential to expand only towards Ramanagara and Tumakuru, as it is bordered by Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh on the other sides." When asked about which taluks would be part of the Bengaluru South district, he clarified that it is solely a renaming initiative without altering the geographical boundaries.

> **"Renaming would attract industries to the district, increase its land value**
>
> –DCM DK Shivakumar

IN BRIEF

Green court takes action

The principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken cognizance of a newspaper report about the illegal felling and burning of thousands of trees in Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Kodagu over a month ago. The bench has impleaded the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest of Karnataka, along with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, and Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Kodagu.

"As per the article, the Kodagu district has been suffering from environmental issues for some time now. This year, amidst a severe drought, several trees were allegedly felled and burned near the Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in the Mundrote Range of the Padinalkunadu Reserve Forest," noted the Tribunal in its order.

The bench quoted a media report stating that Mundrote Forest Range, where the alleged illegal activity took place, is known for its rich flora, including 6,000 species of trees and plants. The burning of trees could have resulted in a forest fire with potentially serious ecological repercussions. "The area is recognised as one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Karnataka and is characterised by dense evergreen forests that have largely remained untouched. The report alleges that the accused have cleared more than five acres of reserve forest and that the Forest Department has failed to control these kinds of activities over time," said NGT.

Previously, the issue was also highlighted by members of the Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga. Following the complaint and media reports, a FIR was filed and Karnataka Forest Minister, Eshwar Khandre, ordered a probe into the issue. **—BMB**

BM Education

With 73 medical colleges, K'taka ranks second in country

Karnataka, the state that housed 70 medical colleges in 2023, has secured the second position in the country with 73 medical colleges this year, just behind Tamil Nadu, which has 74. In comparison, Uttar Pradesh has 68 medical colleges, Maharashtra 67, and Telangana 56.

Establishing a new medical college includes several key requirements: a minimum of 50, 100, or 150 seats; a well-equipped hospital with at least 220 beds and a laboratory; the provision of hostel facilities for students; and a community, urban and rural health centres within its premises.

Recently, the National Medical Commission (NMC) approved the establishment of three new medical colleges in the state: BGS Medical College and Hospital in Bengaluru with 150 seats, PES University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences with 100 seats, and SR Medical Sciences Institute in Bagalkot with 100 seats. These approvals were based on the infrastructure and facilities available at each institution.

It may be noted that the state government had requested permission to establish five new medical colleges, but the NMC approved only three due to technical reasons. It did not approve the proposals for medical colleges in Ramanagara and Kanakapura, which, if approved, would add an additional 300 medical seats. Currently, the number of available medical seats has risen to 11,745 and is expected to rise to 12,095 by the academic year 2024–25.

An official said, "This approval is a significant development as it will enhance both medical education and healthcare services in the state. The new medical colleges will help address the shortage of doctors and improve healthcare services."

However, the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Ramanagara is facing a shortage of staff and infrastructure, delaying the establishment of a new medical college. According to the rules, a medical college requires a minimum of 650 beds and adequate staff, which is currently not available in Ramanagara. Ramanagara and Kanakapura Medical Colleges were the pet projects of DCM DK Shivakumar. When he was asked about not getting approval for these medical colleges, he said, "It is our wish to bring medical colleges to the district. It was included in the budget as well. I am told that lack of staff is the reason; we will look into it."

The NMC and the Medical Council of India have set specific standards for establishing a new medical college, including a minimum of 150 MBBS seats. "The NMC has established a ratio of 100 medical seats for every 10 lakh population in the state and guidelines that are to be adhered to by the new medical colleges. The state government is working to address the issues of staff and infrastructure shortages in Ramanagara to establish a new medical college in the region," added an official.

—Sridhar Vivan

HC denies Chinese national's plea to leave India

Woman involved in 'power bank' scam told laws of country cannot be made flexible

The Karnataka High Court has denied permission to a Chinese national involved in the 'Power Bank Scam' to travel abroad to meet her father in his last days, as since laws in China prohibited the exit of a foreign national under similar circumstances, laws of India cannot be made flexible too.

"If laws in China prohibit such exit of a foreign national under the aforesaid circumstances, laws of India cannot be made flexible on any score whatsoever, as it is a case of a Chinese national who is involved in multiple crimes.

Therefore, if petitioner is permitted to move out of the shores of the nation, despite the plethora of crimes pending against her, it would become impossible to conclude trial, as it would be permitting her to flee justice and create a dent in the majesty of law," a single judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna said.

Background

The petitioner came to India in the year 2017 and is married to one Anas Ahmed, an Indian national currently residing in the city. On certain allegations, a complaint was registered against Ahmed for offenses punishable under Section 420 of the IPC and Section 66 D of the Information Technology Act, 2008 by the Cyber Crime Police.

In connection with registration of the crime, the premises of the petitioner and office were searched, and seizure of various documents including passport and identity cards took place. The petitioner who was then arrested sought a grant of bail from the hands of the court. She was granted bail but on certain conditions, one of which was that she shall not leave the jurisdiction of the court without prior permission.

> **"If petitioner is permitted to move out, despite the plethora of crimes pending against her, it would be impossible to conclude trial, as it would be permitting her to flee justice**

The petitioner prefers another petition before the court seeking modification of bail conditions as obtained in Section 439(1)(b) of the Cr.P.C which came to be allowed in part and bail conditions were relaxed.

However, the condition that she should not leave the jurisdiction of the court without prior permission was retained.

After about a year, on grounds of her aged father undergoing medical treatment in China and is bedridden, the petitioner moves one more petition before the Court, which would allow her to leave the country from 9 June 2023 to 30 August 2023. This was also rejected, leading her to the door of the High Court.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner contended that though crimes are registered, in none of the cases the petitioner has suffered any order of ban on travel beyond the shores of the nation.

It was submitted that even the High Court of Kerala has permitted the petitioner to go to China and come back in two cases where crimes are registered within the jurisdiction of the Kerala High Court. They argued that her travel is imperative, failing which she will lose the opportunity of being with her father in his last days.

"The crimes are so intricate that the investigation is still on and the police have not yet been able to file the charge sheet, as it is a scam that travels beyond the shores of a particular State.

Crimes are registered both in Kerala and Karnataka and if the petitioner is allowed to go out of the shores of the nation for the purpose that is projected, this Court would be permitting the petitioner to flee investigation or trial," the Court said while rejecting the petition. **BMB**

Court rejects Suraj Revanna bail plea

A Karnataka court on Tuesday rejected the bail petition of former PM HD Deve Gowda's grandson and JD-S MLC Suraj Revanna in the unnatural sex case.

The order was pronounced by the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) as the court took up the petition submitted by the counsel of Suraj Revanna in the first case lodged against him at the Holenarasipura police station.

Suraj Revanna, who is facing charges of indulging in forceful unnatural sex with JD-S workers, is in judicial custody till July 18.

He was investigated by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the CID after the victims registered cases against him at the Holenarasipura Rural police station. He was arrested on June 22 after being summoned for questioning.

The government later handed over the case to the special wing of the CID. Suraj Revanna's brother and former JD-S MP Prajwal Revanna is also in jail in connection with the sex video scandal.

Their father and JD-S MLA H.D. Revanna was arrested but later released on conditional bail in connection with a kidnap case linked to the sex video scandal, and mother Bhavani Revanna is also out on conditional bail in the same case.

7,000+ dengue cases in state, CM wants mosquito breeding sites wiped out

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that the state has reported 7,362 positive cases to date in Karnataka and instructed the officials to eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

He further instructed the officials to allocate 10 beds in a ward at every hospital separately for dengue cases.

"Dengue usually shows up when there's rain. 7,362 positive cases have been registered to date in the state this year of which 7 have succumbed to the disease. I have given instructions that the mosquito breeding sites must be eliminated.

10 beds in a ward must be allotted at every hospital separately for dengue cases, a task force must be formed in every district and mosquito net to be given to all slum residents for free," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah further said that the officials have to work in coordination if the government program is to reach the beneficiaries.

"We had two meetings yesterday and today. Our intention is to have a meeting at least once in 3 months. A meeting was held on September 12-13, 2023, then the election was held and the meeting was not held. They have to work in coordination if the government program is to reach the beneficiaries. Everyone should be taken along," he added.

BBMP personnel fumigate a residential area of Chikka Banaswadi on Tuesday

Earlier on July 8, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that they are strictly monitoring and taking proper steps on how to reduce the proliferation of dengue mosquitoes amid the rise of dengue cases in the state. **BMB**

Dengue can seriously affect your brain, nervous system: Doctors

Although dengue is known to cause mild flu-like symptoms, the mosquito-borne viral illness has profound neurological implications that are often overlooked, said experts on Tuesday.

Amid the monsoon in India, dengue cases have spiralled in various parts of the country, including Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Delhi and Maharashtra.

According to the latest data from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), there have been 246 dengue cases in the national capital till June 30 this year. During the same period in 2023, Delhi saw only 122 cases, 143 cases in 2022, 36 cases in 2021, and 20 cases in 2020.

"While primarily known for causing flu-like symptoms, dengue has profound neurological implications that are often overlooked," Dr Praveen Gupta, Principal Director & Chief of Neurology at Fortis Hospital Gurugram, told IANS.

"Neurological manifestations of dengue, though less common, include encephalitis, meningitis, and myelitis. These conditions arise from the virus crossing the blood-brain barrier, leading to inflammation and infection of the brain and spinal cord," he explained.

Patients with severe dengue may experience headaches, altered mental status, seizures, and even coma. The virus's neurotropic nature means it can directly infect neural cells, causing damage and inflammation. Furthermore, the immune response triggered by the infection can exacerbate these neurological issues, making management complex. **IANS**

FIR against Virat Kohli-co-owned restaurant in city

An FIR has been registered against the manager of One8 Commune, a restaurant co-owned by cricket star Virat Kohli, and four other establishments for allegedly operating beyond permitted hours, police said on Tuesday.

A special drive was conducted on July six following complaints that many restaurants and pubs in central Bengaluru were operating beyond the stipulated closing time of 1 am, they said.

According to the police, when a sub-inspector of Cubbon Park police station, who was on patrolling duty, reached One8 Commune at around 1.20 am, it was found that the manager was allegedly still operating the pub.

"After we received complaints that certain pubs and hotels were operating beyond the permitted time, a special drive was carried out on the night of July six," a police officer said.

"Based on the violations found, we have registered an FIR against the manager of One8 Commune and four other establishments under the Karnataka Police Act for violation at Cubbon Park police station ," he added. **PTI**

Sad ending to this tale of books

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

that used to travel to various parts of the city to serve readers are now defunct due to the government's policy of phasing out vehicles older than 15 years."

The mobile library service, which began with one bus in 1983 and gained recognition in 1994. Four buses used to serve as mobile libraries in Bengaluru, one each in the south, west, central, and Cubbon Park areas.

Each bus carried around 6,000 to 7,000 books and visited 24 to 25 locations in their respective areas, serving thousands of readers. According to sources, it would cost around Rs 50 lakh to launch a well-equipped mobile library bus service, a significant expense.

Out of the 12 mobile libraries in the state, only five remain operational, one each in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Ballari, Davanagere, and Belagavi. Previously, there were mobile libraries also in Tumakuru, Davanagere, Chikkamagaluru, and other cities. "Discussions are ongoing with the government to continue the service by allocating funds in the budget," a source from the Library Department said.

Vandana Gopal, another avid reader said, "Every week, I eagerly awaited the arrival of the mobile library bus, which brought a world of knowledge and imagination right to my doorstep. These libraries were more than just a means to borrow books; they were a community hub where people of all ages and backgrounds gathered to share their love for reading."

She said in areas without a dedicated physical library, these mobile services were indispensable, providing access to literature and educational resources that would otherwise be out of reach.

"The sight of the book-laden bus pulling up was a weekly highlight, offering an escape from the daily grind and a chance to dive into new adventures. The Centre's decision to phase out old vehicles, resulting in the shutdown of these beloved mobile libraries, is a great loss for our community.

I hope the government can find a way to revive this vital service," she said.

K-100 was supposed to be enhanced public space

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

flooding in the area. The K-100 project aimed to discourage this behaviour by enhancing the value of the public space. Despite investing crores, officials have been unable to prevent garbage dumping.

In May, BBMP appointed the Chief General Manager and Chief Engineer of BSWML for solid waste management within the K-100 scheme. During an inspection conducted by officials, they observed untreated sewage discharge and unauthorised frequent dumping of garbage into the drain. Despite several Information, Education, and Communication efforts, officials noted that the behaviour of residents remains unchanged. As per the BBMP order, the nodal officer has been asked to take action with the aid of marshals and solid waste management engineers and submit a report. They are asked to monitor the stretch and take action under SWM rules 2016. Additionally, BSWML will also install CCTVs to monitor the areas for offenders. The order also asked the officers to ensure that an adequate number of auto-tippers were collected from the neighbouring residents.

Your Connect

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ACADEMIC

TEACHER

ADITYA NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, Yelahanka Affiliated to CISCE Board, New Delhi. Seeking passionate and dedicated Primary, Middle and High School teachers (ICSE Curriculum) for Math, Science, English, Social Studies etc.Qualification BA/MA, B.Sc/M.Sc. with B.Ed. Competitive Salary. Email: anpsyelahanka@gmail.com / anpsaditya@gmail.com

WANTED Teachers ICSE Curriculum M.Sc, B.Ed, BIOLOGY. Contact: OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL, Srikantapura Anchepalya Near Jindal Public School, Tumkur Road, Bangalore. Mobile: 9620075574, 9945622240

WANTED Mathematics, Social & Kannada Teachers for Part-time / Full- time. ABDUL BARI'S HIGH SCHOOL, Near Coles Park. Walkin 9353111888

ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

SR. Accounts Executive required for a Mfg company at Bommasandra. Exp of min. 3-5 years in Mfg industry with Tally knowledge preferred.:victor@expertindia.com/ W'app 8884450706.

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & SALES

MARKETING

Delwin PLYWOOD
REQUIRED
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVES
With 3 to 4 years experience in Field sales, age below 45 years, preferably in Building material industry.
2 wheeler is a must
Salary best in the industry
Mail your Resume to:
delwinply@gmail.com
Call us on:
8589999414

REQUIRED SALES EXECUTIVES for Marketing of Computers, Printers, Scanners. Candidates having 1 to 5 years experience in sales can apply. admin@guhanintl.com & info@guhanintl.com 76187 -95529/ 99000-64058

SALES

WANTED
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
Industrial Motors
Experience in B2B Industrial sales preferred.
BANGALORE
K Dhandapani & Co.
No 26, N R Road, 4th Cross, Bangalore - 560002
9886491000
blr@kdhandapani.com

MEDICAL

MEDICAL

SEVAKSHETRA HOSPITAL
27th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, B'lore-70
Invites applications for the post of:
HR - MANAGER
Graduate/MBA in HR
(Min 5 years exp with knowledge of HR functions, Labour law & Disciplinary procedure).
SONOLOGIST
DMRD / MD Radiology
(DMRD - Min 5 yrs and MD-Min 3 yrs exp).
STAFF NURSE
GNM/B.Sc Nursing
(Min 3 years exp).
Apply to the General Manager:
Ph:26714194/ 26718067
E-mail:
hr.cbrws@gmail.com
Last Date for Receipt of Application within 7 DAYS

TECHNICAL

ENGINEERS

WE-ARE-HIRING
1. Civil Engg (Male/ Female)
Note: Exp- 5 & Above Age: below 40 Years. Contact: SLN Infra, Doddabanaswadi, B.lore-PH.no : 7259727919 , 9632812788

real estate

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

SADASHIVA NAGAR

SALE 3Indp Houses E/F 4BHK House on 3000Sft Site. & 7BHK Designer Villa on 5400Sft Site. & N/F 4BHK House on 9160Sft Site G N Properties: 9845044179

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Daksha Pachan Patel W/o Jai Prakash Patel R/o No:- 50 B Rayakottai Road Hosur 635109 have changed my name to Daksha Jai Prakash Patel for all purposes.

I Nazhat Khizer Ahmed W/o Khizer Ahmed R/o # B-401, RMZ Galleria Residences, 12th A Main Road, Satellite Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name to Nazhat Ahmed

I Mary Spoorthi Raj D/O, Anthony Michael Raj R/o No 14, 9th Main, New Water Tank Road, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru – 560061. Karnataka have changed my name to Mary Spoorthi Raj Anthony.

I, VISHWANATHGOUDA SHIVANAGOUDA PATIL, Residing at Flat #202, I Blk, Sumadhura Eden Garden,1st Main, Doddabanahalli Whitefiled, Bangalore - 560067, have changed my name to VISHWANATHGOUDA PATIL, vide affidavit dated 08/07/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, NIDA AZLIYA,D/o Mohammed Waseem, R/O no. 469, 1st cross, near old Kengeri bus stop, Mysore road, Kengeri, Bengaluru – 560060, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from NIDA AZLIYA to NIDA ANJUM. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Ravi, on 9/7/24 at Bengaluru.

I, Mahboob Sharieff Khadar Sharieff, R/at No.64, 3rd Cross, D Street, Arokiyamma Layout, Bangalore-560045 have changed my name to Mahaboob Shariff, For All Purposes.

I Manjula H A W/o K Shiva Prasad R/o Mangalawada, Pavagada taluk, Tumkur district Pincode-572116 have changed my name to Manjula S

I, Viswanath Seebi Agrahara Rangadhama Setty S/o Rangadhamasettyvenkatappa Setty Seebi Agrahara R/o Nrukesari 2nd Cross 1st Main Csi Layout Tumkur-572102 have changed my name to Vishwanath Seebi Agrahara Rangadhama Setty for all purposes.

I, VENKATESWARLU RUDRARAJU, Residing at #308, A Block, Adithya Tranquil, Nippe Clg Road Jayamuni Nagar, Yelahanka Bangalore -560064, have changed my name to RUDRA RAJU VENKATESHWARLU, vide affidavit dated 08/07/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I Ajaz Pasha Pyaru R/a at No 41, 30th Cross, Swagath Main Road, BTB Area Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041. I have changed my name to Ajaz Pasha Vide Affidavit Dated on 08/07/2024. Sworn Before Notary Mohammed Hussain K Bangalore

I, Santoshchandrashekara Guddada alias Santosh C Guddad R/o 5K 106, Provident Sunworth apartment B'lore have changed my name to Santosh Guddad dtd 30 Dec 2023. Swarn before notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

I, Vinay Kumar Srivastava S/o Lt. Murli Manohar Srivastava R/o #202 Srivastava Sai Residency Apts, Nataraja Layout Kothanur Dinne Main Road 7th Phase JP Nagar B'luru-560078 have changed my name to Vinay Srivastava .

I, ELANGOVAN J, residing at #11,4th Main, New Tharagupet Bengaluru - 560002, have changed my name to ELANGOVAN, vide affidavit dated 08/07/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, ABDUL WAHEED, Residing at Flat No 40, 2nd Floor, Hurmath Manzil, Sriram Mandir Road, Basvanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Have changed My name to WAHEED MOOSANI vide affidavit dtd 09/07/2024 before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

I Manjunatha Kamaganahalli Hanumantharayappa S/o Hanumantharayappa R/o #510 Pallekamma Nagar Chikkajala B'lore-562157 have changed my name to Manjunath for all purposes.

I,THAHEER Pasha S/o Imtiyaz pasha R/o #222 4th Cross Brindavana layout Vijinapura B'lore-560016 I have changed my name to Taheer pasha for all purposes.

THE TIMES GROUP
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

ADMISSION OPEN
VIVEKANANDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
AN INSTITUTE OF JANATHA EDUCATION SOCIETY®
Recognised by GOK, Affiliated to VTU & Approved by AICTE
CET CODE: E087 | Estd.: 1997 | COMEDK CODE: E149
BE: Bachelor of Engineering
Computer Science
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Information Science
Electronics & Communication
Mechanical Civil
2024-25 Admissions Open
9513953482
Institute of Management
BCA | BBA
MBA - Finance | Marketing HR | Business Analytics
PGCET B-323
College of Law
3Yrs : LL.B
5Yrs : BA - LL.B | B.Com - LL.B
Degree College
BCA | BA |
B.Ed | BA Journalism
B.Com | B.Com Data Analytics
College of Pharmacy
D.Pharm | B.Pharm
M.Pharm - Pharmaceutical Chemistry Pharmaceutics
CET B060
VKIT Campus: Kumbalgodu, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560074
Admission Center: Dr. RajKumar Road, Next to Orion Mall, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560055

HEALTH TIP: Lentils have a good amount of phenols that can help to reduce the risk of certain chronic diseases

Amaranth is one of the richest plant forms of protein available, which is also easily absorbed by the body

Flex your IQ

Can you improve your test score by practising?

Most adults never have to take an IQ test. But tests for assessing students' cognitive abilities, such as the cognitive ability test (Cat), are used in schools around the world. These tests are very similar to IQ tests. Taking them may be a pain for kids. Possibly, it's an even bigger pain for parents.

Just for a moment, put yourself in the shoes of a parent whose child's overall Cat score turns out to be below average. A flock of unpleasant questions may pop into your mind. Does that mean they won't get into a top university? And what about their career?

Some time after all this rumination, another thought may cross your mind. If performance on these tests matters, is it possible to improve it the way we improve on anything else, that is, by practice?

The science reveals that, whether you're a child or an adult, it is possible to improve your performance on cognitive tests. That said, it won't make you any smarter.

The long history of testing

Standardised testing has a long history in education and is sometimes used by companies as part of hiring. The most notable example is probably the Chinese civil service examination. This extremely tough assessment was introduced during the Sui dynasty (AD581–618) to select the candidates for the imperial bureaucracy, a job of high prestige.

Not much has changed. Just like imperial China, nowadays, educational institutions worldwide test students on a variety of skills, including both subject knowledge and cognitive abilities. In the US today, the SATs exams are used to filter out applications to prestigious universities. Testing students on subjects like maths, literacy and science makes as much sense today as 14 centuries ago.

It is a way to determine if students are learning the skills needed to be cultured, responsible and productive citizens. Less obvious, and more controversial, is what school cognitive testing brings to the table.

Cognitive tests are usually a set of tasks assessing a variety of intellectual capabilities. For instance, the latest version of the Cat measures four cognitive abilities: verbal reasoning, nonverbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and spatial reasoning.

People who do well on a particular cognitive task are more likely to do well on other cognitive tasks. Cognitive tasks are therefore linked to each other and do not tap into acquired knowledge. So humans must possess a general mental ability to resolve unfamiliar intellectual problems unrelated to a subject. This is what we call intelligence.

Your score on a comprehensive cognitive test is usually referred to as IQ. But IQ scores are just proxies for people's intelligence. Crucially, these scores are closely linked to academic performance.

In fact, IQ is by far the best predictor of academic achievement and an important predictor of professional success. Cognitive testing is, therefore, a useful and fairly reliable way to predict real-life outcomes.

Practice makes perfect, not smarts

A good performance on cognitive tests is a sign of intelligence. Being intelligent is useful to achieve life goals. Performance on cognitive tests does improve with practice. For example, a study found that just taking a common nonverbal reasoning test twice increases scores by roughly the equivalent of eight IQ points.

So it is likely that a child taking a test such as the Cat a second time will perform better than the first time. Several rounds of repeated testing yield similar or even larger effects across several cognitive tests, although a plateau is to be expected.

Likewise, adults practising the same intelligence test several times may improve their performance by learning the logic behind the questions. For this reason, standardised tests, such as the one used by Mensa, are not publicly available.

Still, improving your score by practising would not prove that your intelligence has increased. As seen, cognitive tests have been designed to measure intelligence by exposing people to new material.

If you have the opportunity to familiarise yourself with a cognitive test beforehand, the test score will, to a certain extent, measure your expertise in performing the test rather than your intelligence. That is, practising on a cognitive test essentially makes the test results un-interpretable.

To support the claim that training on particular cognitive tasks makes people more intelligent, you need to show that people show improvements on cognitive and academic tasks unrelated to the trained tasks.

The idea of enhancing intelligence via training on cognitive tasks is at least a few decades old. However, the evidence points in the opposite direction. While people consistently improve on trained tasks (or similar tasks), it has no effect on unfamiliar tasks to do with intelligence.

Training your child to perform well on the Cat or any other cognitive test may have practical purposes. For example, some grammar schools seem to use the Cat in their selection process. It may be a boost for the child's confidence, too.

That said, intelligence is untrainable

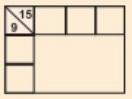
Still, academic and work skills aren't. While high intelligence is a significant advantage, school and professional success does not entirely rely on it. Hard work, social class, personality, curiosity, creativity and even luck often have a big effect on individual lives.

(By Giovanni Sala, University of Liverpool and Fernand Gobet, London School of Economics and Political Science, The Conversation)

mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

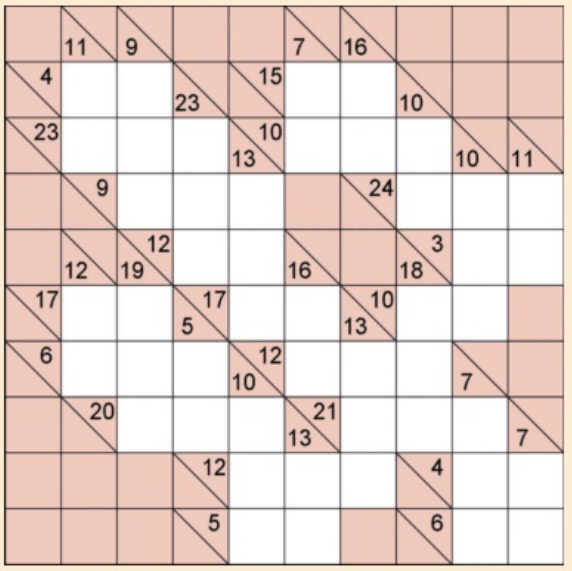
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

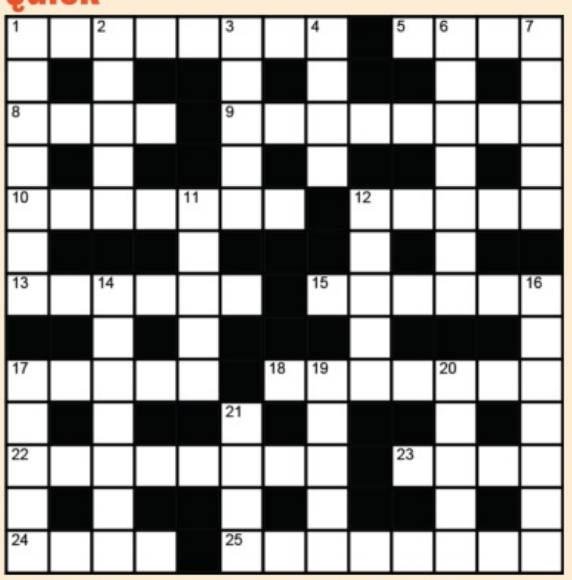


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 Famous battle (8)
5 The dregs of society (4)
8 Official obligation (4)
9 Chess champion Garry ___ (8)
10 Indian river–"and a mar" anagram ? (7)
12 Related on the mother's side (5)
13 Semiconductors with two terminals (6)
15 Size of paper? (6)
17 Capital of Bihar (5)
18 Made indirect or casual mention (7)
22 Area popular with shoppers (8)
23 Old Testament priest (4)
24 Cast off; hut (4)
25 Storms, heavy downpours (8)

DOWN

1 Made or became broader (7)
2 Teach (5)
3 Preferred (5)
4 Depose (4)
6 Pirate (7)
7 A motion picture (5)
11 Battleground (5)
12 At the same level (5)
14 Last longer or persist after (7)
16 Trials or travails (7)
17 Sets of playing cards (5)
19 Afterwards (5)
20 Twelve (5)
21 Petty quarrel (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS T

ZWB WTYLQ HLAB WLJ KQB HBLXXC BIIBAZESB DBLOKQ, LQU ZWLZ EJ XLTNWZBH.

Linemaro

Are you a photographer? Because everytime I see you, I smile

Mindchow

You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one

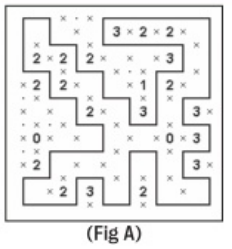
Joke of the day

I dropped out of communism because of lousy Marx, and got a job in a bakery because I kneaded dough

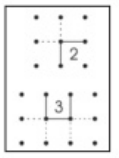
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

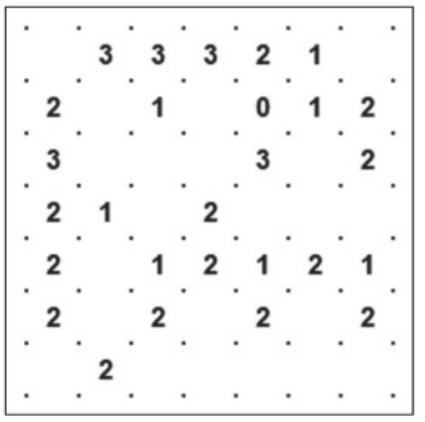


(Fig B) Not Allowed

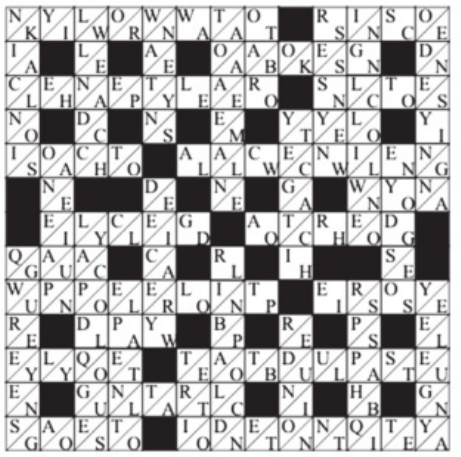
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



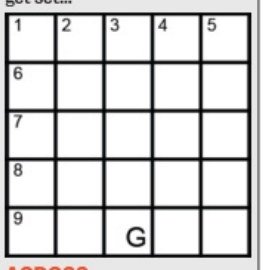
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 No bar; 6 Raree; 7 Labor; 8 Me den; 9 G gray

DOWN

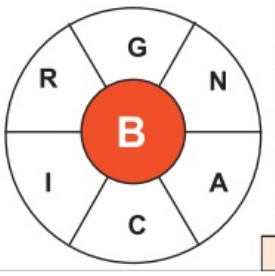
1 Blare; 2 Ra Mao; 3 Grebe; 4 Organ; 5 Rendy

Mensapuzzle

Solve this brainbat:

K
C
YEARLY
H
C

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1			7			4	
	2	9				5	8	
			9		2			
		4	8		5	6		
	6	2	7		4	3	1	
		8	2		6	9		
			6		9			
	8	5				4	3	
	7			5			9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15
3 4 6 8

Medium = 1
1 2 5 7

Hard = 17
2 5 5 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

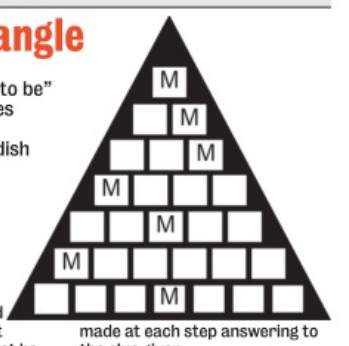
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Collar is different. 4. Stripes on barber pole are different. 5. Stripes on shirt are different. 6. Line in sidewalk is moved.

Riddler

There are thousands of antonyms, but not many pairs of opposite words differ by only one letter. See how many of them you can figure out. Note: Although some pairs used here are not perfect opposites, they are listed as antonyms in the thesaurus. 1. Add one letter to "fast" to create a word with the opposite meaning. 2. Look around in this teaser to find two words that refer to opposite locations. 3. How many? Give two answers that differ by a single letter. 4. Start with a close companion; remove a letter and they become an evil person.

Alpha triangle

1 One thousand
2 Part of the verb "to be"
3 Zodiac sign of Aries
4 Filly's mother
5 Japanese noodle dish
6 Trough
7 Berlin residents



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

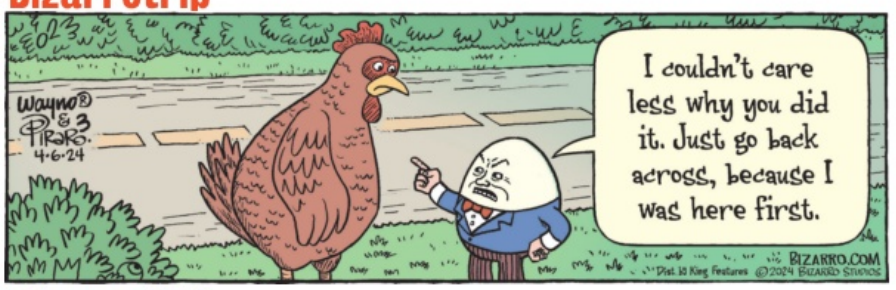
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

YOU SHOULD THANK VIPER VELMA OF VENUS!
PHOOEY! YA BUTTED IN!
I STOPPED YOU FROM COMMITTING A HORRIBLE ACT OF VIOLENCE!
YA STOPPED ME FROM HAVIN' THE BES' FIGHT OF ME LIFE!
WHY DOESN'T YA GO HOME AN' BAKE A VENUS CAKE?

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I'M THINKING OF GOING ON THE TRIP WITH MY DAD. IT MIGHT GIVE ME TIME TO WORK ON OUR RELATIONSHIP!
IS A TWO-HOUR ROAD TRIP ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT?
HAVE SOME FAITH IN ME, KAT!!
I HAVE PLENTY OF FAITH IN YOU. IT'S YOUR FLAKY DAD THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT.

Crankshaft

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF YOUR GRANDFATHER IN YOU!
HEY... YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN DOESN'T SHINE!
APOCALYPTO ECLIPSE
PITCH BLACK

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your focus on your goal may be tested many times, but your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication to work may be tested many times, and you may likely receive some rewards as a result of your hard work. You may also likely make investments in fixed assets.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your destiny may help you achieve success easily. You may likely visit a religious place to seek peace of mind. You may spend your time earning some intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may perform better. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may make some important decisions regarding marriage.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull. It is advised to be careful of opponents and rivals. You are advised to avoid arguments with seniors. Investments in fixed assets should be postponed for a while, as they might convert into dead investments. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in their relationships.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may enjoy time with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost your understanding of them. You may likely spend money on buying some artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence and make you likely to be able to face any type of challenge, making you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience when making financial decisions in business. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at its peak, but you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you gain confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work life or family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, as it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships may likely be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying when making decisions related to marriage. With patience, you may come out of the messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the Moon and Mars. You may be enthusiastic and likely to start some new innovations in business, which may grow your business in the near future. You may plan some renovations in the house and office with the help of your creativity. Your network may become strong now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy with family matters. You will likely hear some good news from your family members. You may also be busy with kids and plan for their academics. Kids' health may likely be under control. You are advised to be polite with the people around you; otherwise, you may face some harsh arguments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be happier and have internal vitality, which may boost your self-confidence. You are advised to avoid delays in making decisions regarding finance, profession, and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with your spouse. You are advised to keep patience, which may help maintain domestic harmony. Lovebirds may go on short trips.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied at every moment. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so you are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid harsh speaking; otherwise, you may face some litigations. You should avoid making investments in risky assets.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel happy and enthusiastic. You may start a new partnership, which may help you grow your business. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication to work, and you may likely receive a promotion in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Job seekers can expect to get a new job. Singles may likely find their soulmate with the help of relatives.

KIDZONE

R Puneeth, 10 Years, Standard English School

Ananya Vastare, 10 Years, Insight Academy

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√[(√(16 + 9) / (1/5))] =
√[(√25 / (1/5))] =
[√5 / (1/5)] =
[√5 x (5/1)] =
√25 = 5

BULL'S EYE
bang, baring, barn, brag, brain, bran, brig, bring, cabin, crab, crib, garb, grab

FAST FIVE

B	A	R	O	N
A	R	E	R	E
L	O	B	A	R
E	M	E	N	D
R	A	G	G	Y

STRIKE OUT

S	O	S	O	■	I	D	E	N	T	■
O	■	C	■	S	M	■	T	E	L	■
S	O	H	O	■	L	A	C	E	W	I
■	N	■	D	■	A	■	N	O	N	■
Q	U	A	■	A	R	H	■	E	■	■
U	P	P	E	R	L	I	P	E	S	S
E	■	D	A	Y	■	B	R	P	■	L
E	Y	O	T	■	T	A	B	U	L	A
N	■	G	N	A	R	L	■	H	■	I
I	E	■	A	P	Y	E	A	R	■	N
K	I	L	L	O	W	A	T	T	■	R

QUICK

W	A	T	E	R	L	O	O	■	S	C
I	■	U	■	I	■	O	■	O	■	O
D	U	T	Y	■	K	A	S	P	A	R
E	■	O	■	E	■	T	■	S	■	I
N	A	R	M	A	D	A	■	E	N	A
■	■	R	■	■	■	O	■	I	■	■
D	I	O	D	E	S	■	O	U	A	R
P	A	T	N	A	■	A	L	L	U	D
A	■	L	■	S	■	A	■	O	■	E
C	H	I	C	K	P	E	T	■	E	Z
H	■	V	■	A	■	E	■	■	■	R
K	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	A
S	H	E	D	■	T	O	R	R	E	N

MENSA PUZZLE
yearly checkup

RIDDLER
1. Fast / Feast,
2. Here / There,
3. One / None,
4. Friend / Fiend

QUOTE UNCODE
The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.

SUDOKU

6	1	3	5	7	8	2	4	9
4	2	9	3	6	1	5	8	7
8	5	7	9	4	2	1	6	3
1	9	4	8	3	5	6	7	2
5	6	2	7	9	4	3	1	8
7	3	8	2	1	6	9	5	4
3	4	1	6	8	9	7	2	5
9	8	5	1	2	7	4	3	6
2	7	6	4	5	3	8	9	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Am, Ram,
Mare, Ramen,
Manger,
Germans.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 4 − 3 + 6 = 15
Medium
2 − 7 + 5 + 1 = 1
Hard
2 x 5 + 2 + 5 = 17

LOOP

KAKURO

Volume No 17, Issue No 137 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru – 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon – responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

Who Zareen wants to work with

'Guneet Monga's work has artistic creativity and a social conscience'

Actress Zareen Khan has shared her wish list of filmmakers and expressed her desire to work with award-winning filmmaker Guneet Monga, as her body of work reflects artistic creativity and a strong social conscience.

When asked if she had a specific filmmaker in mind, Zareen was quick to name Guneet Monga.

The 'Veer' actress praised the Oscar-winning producer, saying, "Guneet's passion for storytelling is truly inspiring. Her ability to bring diverse and compelling stories to life is unmatched."

Zareen called Monga a "leading figure in the world of filmmaking." "Be it 'Kathal', 'Pagglait', 'Masaan', the Oscar-winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers', or the latest release 'Kill', her body of work reflects artistic creativity with a strong social conscience, making her a leading figure in the world of filmmaking," she added.

Zareen made her Bollywood debut in 2010 in the epic action film 'Veer' starring Salman Khan. She then appeared in the item number 'Character Dheela' in the film 'Ready' in 2011.

The 37-year-old actress has worked in several Hindi films, such as 'Housefull 2', 'Hate Story 3', 'Wajah Tum Ho', 'Aksar 2', and '1921'.

The actress was last seen in the film 'Hum Bhi Akele Tum Bhi Akele', directed by Harish Vyas, which explores the friendship between a gay man and a lesbian woman on a road trip. — IANS

Tips to cleanse your aura

Punjabi sensation Diljit Dosanjh has shared simple tips for cleansing the aura, which include mountains and his latest film 'Jatt & Juliet 3'.

Diljit took to Instagram and shared a reel. In the clip, he is seen hiking on a mountain, posing in front of a waterfall, and even drinking from a river. However, it's the entertaining voiceover that stands out.

The clip begins with a soothing voiceover by Diljit, saying, "Apne kabhi mehsoos kiya hai ke duniya main kaam karte huye logo se milte huye na chahate huye bhi bahut saare thoughts hum apne saath lele te hai jo shayad humaare nahi the jinka humaare zindagi main koi arth nahi tha aur fir woh humain pareshaan karte hai (Have you ever felt that while meeting people, we unintentionally carry many thoughts with us that perhaps weren't ours and didn't mean anything in our lives, yet they bother us)." He suggests that if these unwanted thoughts bog one down, then going to the mountains can help.

The actor-singer then said that once going to the mountains, one can rediscover their inner child. He calmly advises recalling small moments of happiness and being thankful to God. — ANI

Halle, Glenn Close up for legal drama

Actresses Halle Berry, Glenn Close, and Kim Kardashian are set to star in an upcoming legal drama from writer-director Ryan Murphy.

The series, currently titled 'All's Fair', will focus on an all-female law firm in Los Angeles, reports Variety.

Details about Berry and Glenn's characters are being kept under wraps. Both will also serve as executive producers on 'All's Fair', alongside Kardashian.

According to Variety, Close will produce under her Trillium Productions banner. This role marks Glenn's return to television legal dramas, having famously starred as notorious lawyer Patty Hewes in the FX series 'Damages'. She earned two of her three Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe for her work on the show. Glenn, a 14-time Emmy nominee, won her other statuette for the TV movie 'Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story'. —IANS

AKSHAY IS ALL PRAISE FOR CO-STAR

Actor Akshay Kumar has praised his 'Sarfira' co-star Radhikka Madan for pushing the envelope to portray a Maharashtrian girl in the upcoming film. In 'Sarfira', Radhikka plays Rani, a spirited and resilient Maharashtrian girl who faces numerous challenges with unwavering determination. She adopted the nuances of Marathi culture, adding depth and authenticity to her portrayal, according to a statement.

Akshay praised Radhikka's performance and said: "This is the best performance I have ever seen. I don't know what you all think about her. She is not Maharashtrian, but she has acted like one. She is very well-spoken."

"Her language was very good, and she has gone through whole classes to learn how to speak Marathi and what to say. That is what she has done."

On July 4, the makers of the film released the song 'Chaawat', which showcases a traditional Maharashtrian wedding.

—IANS

Scarlett's view on Dolly Parton's tattoo rumours

Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson has shared her thoughts on the claims of singer-actress Dolly Parton wearing long-sleeve tattoos to hide her full-sleeve tattoos.

Scarlett Johansson, who has several tattoos, weighed in the rumoured ink of the iconic 78-year-old music star at the premiere of her and Channing Tatum's new film 'Fly Me To The Moon', reports 'Mirror.co.uk'.

A popular theory among fans is that Dolly has been hiding a huge collection of tattoos as she is rarely ever seen wearing short-sleeved shirts.

As per 'Mirror.co.uk', Dolly does have a few tattoos, but she previously admitted she is 'not a tattoo girl'. Weighing in on the rumour, Scarlett told 'People' magazine: "I don't know, I'm so not a conspiracy theorist, I really believe in science. I don't know. I think probably that Dolly Parton has full tattooed sleeves."

Speaking about her tattoos in 2021, Dolly told W Magazine: "I have a few little tattoos here and there. I don't have real heavy, dark tattoos. Mine are all pastel. And I have more than one." The country singer has a tattoo of angels, ribbons, bows, butterflies, baskets of flowers and even beehives.

Dolly mainly wears long-sleeved shirts when she appears in public.

— IANS